

# The Oasis

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## ANTI-FOREIGN LABOR BILL.

Globe Merchant Points Out What Has Happened in His City.

[Arizona Democrat.]

Little has been heard in Phoenix regarding House bill No. 21, known as the Kinney bill, except opposition. But there is a great deal to be said for the measure, according to B. F. Crawford, a Globe business man and property owner, who is here for a short visit with his brother-in-law, Sheriff Jeff Adams. Mr. Crawford declares that American citizens of the Globe district are almost unanimously in favor of prohibiting laborers unable to speak English from working underground in mines or engaging in any hazardous occupation.

"I am friendly to the Mexicans and am sorry if the Kinney bill will throw any of them out of work," Mr. Crawford said. "They spend all their money in this country and are not an undesirable class of cheap laborers. But something must be done to exclude the aliens who overrun Globe and other mining districts.

"Those Slavs and Polacks don't do any community any good. They are unionized as soon as they arrive and draw from \$3.50 to \$4.00 a day for work underground. One of them lives on about 80 cents a day and the remainder is sent back to Europe. Even those with large families send back a great deal of money.

"A few years ago a partner of mine and myself ascertained that the payroll of the district was \$80,000 a month. Then we learned that \$41,000 a month was sent to the old countries through the banks and the postoffice. More than half of what they earn, you see, is sent

out of the United States and never brought back.

"The foreigners in Globe have their own barber shops and their own restaurants. They have nothing to with the citizens and are gradually crowding them out. I myself feel the results very keenly. I own some property in Globe and while my taxes have risen, rents have depreciated. It's all because of the foreign element in the camp.

"Mexico has a good law, requiring that 75 per cent of the laborers employed on any work must be citizens of the country. I would like to see such a law passed and enforced here.

"It is impossible to unionize the Mexicans and as a result they work for \$1.50 and \$2 a day. But they spend it all right where they make it. No one will regret it more than I will if any Mexicans are deprived of a means of livelihood through the Kinney bill, but I certainly want that measure to pass. It will result in greater prosperity to the Globe district and to the entire state.

"Sweden's naturalization law should be in force in the United States. There, a foreigner has only two years to declare his intention of becoming a citizen. If he does not declare his intention at the expiration of that period, he is handed his passport and told to leave. Here he has 21 years to decide whether he wants to become a citizen. Suppose the United States should become involved in war with some foreign power. All our able-bodied citizens could be impressed into the army and the price of labor would take a sudden jump. Those Slavs and Polacks, who are not citizens and have no intention of swearing allegiance to the United States, would stay right here and secure the benefits of that raise."

Last Saturday there was at Nogales, en route to his home in Los Angeles, for a short visit, Mr. H. A. Sibbett, general manager for the Richardson Construction Company.

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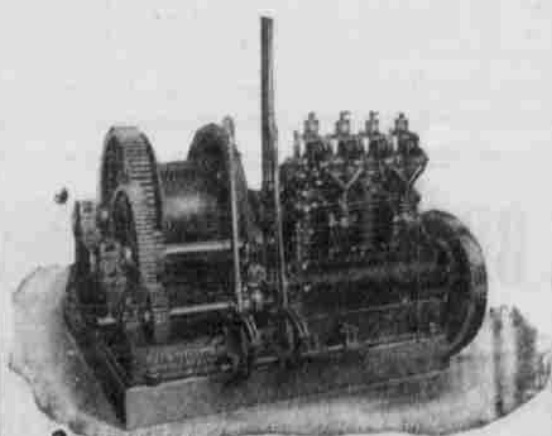
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